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SUBJECT: GOG FURTHER CLARIFIES STATUS OF EX-KING

CONSTANTINE

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1. SUMMARY: GOG CLARIFIED THAT FORMER KING AND OTHER MEMBERS OF ROYAL FAMILY RETAIN GREEK NATIONALITY AND ARE ENTITLED TO CUSTOMARY RIGHTS OF CITIZENSHIP. MINISTER TO PRIME MINISTER REMARKED EARLIER IN PARLIAMENT THAT GOG HAS YET TO DEAL FULLY WITH QUESTION OF FORMER KING BUT "FINAL DECISIONS SHOULD BE REACHED SHORTLY." END SUMMARY.

2. MINISTER TO PRIME MINISTER GEORGE RALLIS TOOK QUERY ON FLOOR OF PARLIAMENT ON STATUS OF EX-KING JANUARY 9, NOTING THAT CONSTANTINE IS GREEK CITIZEN AND IS ENTITLED TO CIVIL RIGHTS GRANTED TO ALL GREEKS. RALLIS ADDED THAT EX-KING CAN RETAIN HIS PERSONAL PROPERTY IN GREECE BUT BUILDINGS PLACED AT HIS DISPOSAL FOR CONDUCT OF HIS OFFICIAL DUTIES NO LONGER BELONG TO HIM. RALLIS CONCLUDED BY COMMENTING THAT GOG INTENDS IN NEAR FUTURE TO TAKE FINAL DECISIONS ON ALL MATTERS RELATED TO EX-KING.

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3. DURING WEEKEND MINISTER OF INTERIOR C. STEPHANOPOULOS

ENDORSED STATEMENT OF MINISTER RALLIS BUT ADDED THAT GOG HAS LEGAL AUTHORITY TO TAKE ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION TO PREVENT ENTRY INTO GREECE OF FORMER KING AND MEMBERS OF ROYAL FAMILY SHOULD GOVERNMENT SO DESIRE.

4. STATUS OF EX-KING IS NOT PROMINENT ISSUE. HOWEVER, ROYALIST NEWSPAPER ELLINIKON MELLON CONTINUES TO PUBLISH WITH DECLINING CIRCULATION AND THOSE DEPUTIES WHO CONTINUE TO FAVOR MONARCHY WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO RAISE ISSUE UNTIL GOG FINALLY DISPOSES OF ALL MATTERS RELATING TO FORMER ROYAL FAMILY.
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